

Comments on Summer Intern Program

Thank goodness a critique does not have to be a negative analysis! I found the internship program to be praiseworthy in many ways. First, we were presented with a clear picture of almost all facets of the organization through personal introductions and discussions with chief personnel. We were assigned meaningful tasks, which contributed to the entire effort. Also, I enjoyed the responsibility entrusted to me -- not being checked in upon nor held to a strict schedule, and being encouraged to learn and not just produce. In these ways and a multitude of others, the Agency and personnel successfully showed themselves to be concerned with our development and well-being.

Only miniscule technical suggestions can be made. If possible, earlier notification of acceptance into the intern program would have been helpful in cancellation of alternative summer plans. Some help with initially finding rooms in the Washington area for the summer would have been a godsend. A list of apartments with limited leases, their prices, air-conditioned rooms, etc. with a detailed map of the area would have been extremely helpful. Suggestions of going over to University Housing Offices to look at their bulletin boards of rooms for rent might be made.

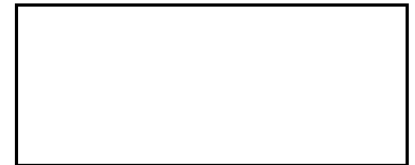
The full day of lecture-films in the auditorium for all summer and new employees was a bit repetitious and tedious. Maybe a small group intern meeting could be substituted. Also, the meeting with the OCI I found extremely interesting, so maybe more time could be allotted with this particular office next year. Possibly an introduction to outside organizations

with whom we do business -- Pentagon people, Defense Dept., etc. -- could be arranged through our individual branches.

It might be helpful if the interns were urged to read all materials which flow across one person's desk in his particular office. This would enable one to familiarize himself with all sourced materials that are available in his research work. Familiarization with specific project-topics, which some of his branch personnel are working on, might be beneficial.

However, I have been very satisfied and pleased with the entire internship program, and I can safely say that the Agency has won itself the priority position number one in my career plans for the future.

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